

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Koichiro INOMATA, et al.

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

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FOR: MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT AND MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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SIR:

Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/443,830, filed May 23, 2003, which is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/662,117, filed September 14, 2000 is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	11-262327	September 16, 1999
Japan	11-263741	September 17, 1999
Japan	2000-265663	September 1, 2000
Japan	2000-265664	September 1, 2000

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

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were filed in prior application Serial No. 10/443,830 filed May 23, 2003

were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number  
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(A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

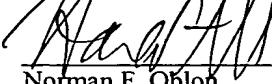
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